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SUBJECT: GODR REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
TRAINING OF MINING SPECIALISTS

1. DOMINICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS SENT FORMAL NOTE TO AMBASSADOR,
CONVEYING CENTRAL BANK REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES
TO SPECIALIZE IN SUCH SECTORS AS MINING GEOLOGY, PETROLEUM GEOLOGY,
GEOCHEMISTRY, GEOPHYSICS AND MINING ENGINEERING. FOREIGN SECRETARY'S
NOTE REFERS TO COUNTRY'S NEED FOR SUCH SPECIALISTS IN ORDER TO
PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS UNEXPLOITED MINERAL RESOURCES.

2. WE CANNOT JUSTIFY FINANCING UNDER EXISTING AID PROGRAMS IN THE
DR (NOW FOCUSED ON AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND EDUCATION) OF A PROGRAM
DESIGNED TO PROMOTE MINERAL DEVELOPMENT. YET, THE EXPLOITATION
OF MINERAL RESOURCES IN THIS COUNTRY HAS BECOME AN INCREASINGLY
IMPORTANT SECTOR OF THE DOMINICAN ECONOMY AND HAS PROMISE OF MAKING
AN EVEN GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT.
MOREOVER, THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT OF US PRIVATE CAPITAL
IN MINERAL EXTRACTION HERE, AND ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN US COMPANIES
AND THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING MINING ENTERPRISES ARE AN
INCREASINGLY PROMINENT ASPECT OF DOMINICAN-U.S. RELATIONS. RELE-
VANT ALSO IS THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF DOMINICANS HAVE GONE TO
PATRICE LUMUNBA AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN THE COMMUNIST BLOC TO
STUDY ENGINEERING AND OTHER TECHNICAL SPECIALTIES. WE BELIEVE,
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THEREFORE, THAT US INTERESTS WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY COOPERATING
WITH THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOMINICAN
SPECIALISTS IN MINERAL EXPLOITATION.

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE
IN EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES OF USG AND NON-GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP
OF A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR DOMINICAN MINERAL SPECIALISTS

PURSUANT TO THE GODR REQUEST. MEANWHILE WE WILL EXPLORE FROM THIS
END POSSIBILITIES OF SUCH AID FROM US-BASED FIRMS OPERATING IN
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND FROM UNDP AND OAS TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
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